

## Commissioners Meeting Minutes

December 4, 2006

The Randolph County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 4:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room, County Office Building, 725 McDowell Road, Asheboro, NC. Commissioners Holmes, Frye, Davis, Kemp and Lanier were present. Rev. Marion Smith, former Randolph County Social Services Director, Asheboro, gave the invocation and everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Presentation of County Employee Service Awards**

Chairman Holmes and Kim Newsom, Randolph County Personnel Director, presented County employee service awards to the following honorees: 15 years of service: Larry O. Cook, Sheriff; Johnny R. Hussey, Sheriff; Sandra J. Reid, Sheriff; Traci H. Williams, Sheriff; Sherry B. Barberry, Health; Kathy C. McGowan, Social Services; Kimberly L. Scruggs, Social Services; Timothy M. Rowland, Computer Services; James S. Chriscoe, Maintenance; Karen K. Saffell, Maintenance; 20 years of service: Mary Ann Banker, Administration; Linda R. Smith, Computer Services; Phillip A. Pearman, Health; Timothy R. Hussey, Sheriff; Catha J. Wright, Sheriff; 25 years of service: Thomas M. Wassack, Computer Services; Kitty H. Andrews, Sheriff; Sherry D. Saunders, Social Services; Nancy B. Macon, Tax; 30 years of service: Linda L. Redding, Administration; Barbara J. McDowell, Sheriff.

### **Presentation of Gifts from NC Cooperative Extension**

Carolyn Langley, Cooperative Extension—Randolph Center Director, presented gifts to the Board from NC Cooperative Extension Service.

### **Recognition of Retiree**

Chairman Holmes presented an engraved clock to Martha Sheriff, Social Services Director, who is retiring from the County with 39 years of service.

### **Presentation of Best Practice Award**

Martha Sheriff, Social Services Director, announced that Randolph County Social Services has been awarded a Best Practice Award in the category of Improvement in Efficiency for Tier Two Counties for its new electronic records management system. She thanked her staff and Computer Services staff for their efforts and the County Commissioners for the County's financial support.

### **Presentation of Proclamation of Appreciation**

Chairman Holmes presented the following Proclamation of Appreciation to outgoing Clerk of Court Lynda Skeen:

***WHEREAS**, Lynda Skeen was born and raised in Randolph County; and*

***WHEREAS**, Ms. Skeen has dedicated her career to public service, having worked 42 years in the Randolph County Clerk of Court's office; and*

***WHEREAS**, Ms. Skeen was elected as Randolph County Clerk of Court in 1986, a position she has held for the past 20 years; and*

***WHEREAS**, Ms. Skeen served as President of the Association of Clerks of Superior Court of North Carolina for 2000-2001; and*

***WHEREAS**, Ms. Skeen served as President of the Randolph County Republican Women in 1988, 1989 and 1999; and*

***WHEREAS**, Ms. Skeen was the recipient of the 1994 Alice Ward Award.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** by the Randolph County Board of Commissioners that we acknowledge the talents, knowledge, and dedication of Lynda Skeen and the manner in which she has devoted herself to the citizens of Randolph County during her tenure as Randolph County Clerk of Court. We take this opportunity to recognize and express our appreciation to a dedicated public servant and friend.*

### **Recognition of Outgoing County Commissioner**

Chairman Holmes recognized Robert Davis for his years of service as County Commissioner from 11/94 – 12/06 and presented him with an engraved plaque.

NC House of Representatives-elect Pat Hurley presented a certificate of recognition from the NC General Assembly to Robert Davis.

### **Approval of Minutes**

*On motion of Davis, seconded by Kemp, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the November 2006 regular and closed session minutes, as presented.*

### **Adjournment**

*On motion of Davis, seconded by Kemp, the old Board adjourned.*

### **New Board Seated**

At this time, the new Board was seated and the meeting was called to order. Commissioners Holmes, Frye, Kemp, Lanier and Haywood were present.

### **Reorganization of Board**

*On motion of Frye, seconded by Haywood, the Board voted unanimously to elect Harold Holmes as Chairman of the Board.*

*On motion of Lanier, seconded by Haywood, the Board voted unanimously to elect Darrell Frye as Vice Chairman of the Board.*

*On motion of Frye, seconded by Lanier, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following appointments: County Attorney, Alan Pugh; Associate County Attorney, Aimee Scotton; Clerk to the Board, Cheryl Ivey; Deputy Clerk to the Board, Amanda Jones; Representative to the Board of Health, Stan Haywood; Representative to the Social Services Board, Arnold Lanier; Representative to the Consolidated Mental Health Board, Darrell Frye; Representative to the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council, Arnold Lanier; Representative to the High Point Transportation Advisory Board, Darrell Frye; Alternate Representative to the High Point Transportation Advisory Board, Stan Haywood; PTCOG Delegate, Darrell Frye; Piedmont Triad Partnership, Phil Kemp; Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation, Darrell Frye; Regional Planning Organization Transportation Advisory Committee, Stan Haywood.*

### **Public Comment Period**

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 153A-52.1, Chairman Holmes opened the floor for public comment. No one spoke.

### **Approval of Consent Agenda**

*On motion of Frye, seconded by Lanier, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda, as follows:*

- *reappoint Karen Smith to the Adult Care Home Committee;*
- *reappoint Ben Ramsey to the E & R Board;*
- *reappoint Ben Ramsey to the Tax Commission;*
- *reappoint Randy McNeil & Norris Greenlee to the Board of Health;*
- *reappoint Addie Luther to the Nursing Home Committee;*

- set bonds for elected and appointed officials, as follows: Sheriff--\$25,000, Register of Deeds--\$50,000, Tax Collector--\$300,000, Deputy Tax Collector--\$200,000, Finance and Deputy Finance Officers--\$500,000;
- approve continuation of Sheriff's Office employment for Sandra Reid, wife of Sheriff Maynard Reid, pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 153A-103;
- approve Budget Amendment #17 for Social Services (Crisis Intervention Program), as follows:

<b>2006-2007 BUDGET ORDINANCE—GENERAL FUND—AMENDMENT #17</b>		
<b>Revenues</b>	<b>Increase</b>	<b>Decrease</b>
<i>Restricted Intergovernmental</i>	\$107,700	
<b>Appropriations</b>	<b>Increase</b>	<b>Decrease</b>
<i>Social Services</i>	\$107,700	

- approve Budget Amendment #18 for Administration (safety and wellness grant), as follows:

<b>2006-2007 BUDGET ORDINANCE—GENERAL FUND—AMENDMENT #18</b>		
<b>Revenues</b>	<b>Increase</b>	<b>Decrease</b>
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	\$13,179	
<b>Appropriations</b>	<b>Increase</b>	<b>Decrease</b>
<i>Administration</i>	\$13,179	

- approve Budget Amendment #19 for Cooperative Extension (parent education class), as follows:

<b>2006-2007 BUDGET ORDINANCE—GENERAL FUND—AMENDMENT #19</b>		
<b>Revenues</b>	<b>Increase</b>	<b>Decrease</b>
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	\$5,000	
<b>Appropriations</b>	<b>Increase</b>	<b>Decrease</b>
<i>Cooperative Extension</i>	\$5,000	

- approve Budget Amendment #20 for an Archdale Economic Development project, as follows:

<b>2006-2007 BUDGET ORDINANCE—GENERAL FUND—AMENDMENT #20</b>		
<b>Revenues</b>	<b>Increase</b>	<b>Decrease</b>
<i>Transfer from Economic Development Reserve</i>	\$25,000	
<b>Appropriations</b>	<b>Increase</b>	<b>Decrease</b>
<i>Other Economic &amp; Physical Development</i>	\$25,000	

### **Approval of Funds for New Hospice Home**

Bob Mason, Hospice of Randolph County Board of Directors Chairperson, asked the Board for funding for a new \$3 million, 10-patient Hospice home that will be built on the current Hospice facility

campus. Lynda Petty, Campaign Planning Committee member, voiced her support for the new facility and asked the Board to pledge \$25,000 a year for the next 5 years.

*On motion of Kemp, seconded by Haywood, the Board voted unanimously to allocate \$25,000 a year for 5 years, beginning July 1, 2007, for a new Hospice home in Randolph County.*

### **Consideration of Park and Ride Funding Sources**

Vice Chairman Frye reminded the Board that at 2 previous meetings the Board had discussed whether or not to approve a resolution approving the levy of a privilege tax (gross receipts tax on vehicles and motorcycles) by Piedmont Authority on Regional Transportation (PART) for Park and Ride services. This tax would fund the local match required by the affected local governments (Trinity, Randleman, Archdale, and the County) for the Park and Ride services. Resolutions have been adopted by Trinity, Randleman and Archdale encouraging the County to approve the tax levy. Brent McKinney, PART Director, answered questions from the Board.

**Jeff Foster** spoke in opposition to the tax levy, saying that 100% of his customers are from Randolph County, and only 2-3% of his business is paid for by insurance.

Commissioner Frye made a motion to approve the levy of a 5% gross receipts tax by PART for Park and Ride Services and then withdrew his motion.

Following discussion, the Board decided to wait to see if the City of Asheboro adopts a resolution supporting the tax levy before considering this item of business again.

### **Public Hearing and Adoption of Resolution for High Point Metropolitan Planning Organization Thoroughfare Plan**

Greg Venable, Transportation Planner, City of High Point, said that the High Point Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (HPMPO) staff is currently in the process of updating its Thoroughfare Plan. He presented a Thoroughfare Plan map, which is being updated due to changes in the HPMPO boundary. The primary purpose of a Thoroughfare Plan is to guide the development of the area road network in a manner consistent with changing traffic demands. The new map includes all expected projects at build-out with no regard to funding or timing. Every member jurisdiction must hold a public hearing per our public involvement plan. HPMPO staff is requesting that each member jurisdiction approve the Thoroughfare Plan map. Once all public hearings are complete the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) will approve the Thoroughfare Plan. The Thoroughfare Plan map will be presented to the TAC for their approval at the January 2007 meeting.

Chairman Holmes opened the floor for public comment, and hearing none, closed the public hearing.

*On motion of Frye, seconded by Haywood, the Board voted unanimously to approve a resolution adopting the High Point Metropolitan Planning Organization Thoroughfare Plan, as follows:*

**WHEREAS**, Randolph County, and the High Point Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), actively worked to develop a transportation plan for the High Point Urbanized Area; and

**WHEREAS**, Randolph County and the Department of Transportation are directed by North Carolina General Statutes 136-66.2 to reach agreement for a highway system that will serve present and anticipated volumes of vehicular traffic in and around the urbanized area; and

**WHEREAS**, it is recognized that the proper movement of traffic within and through the City of High Point and the High Point Urban Area is a highly desirable element of the comprehensive plan for the orderly growth and development of Randolph County; and

*WHEREAS, after full study of the plan, and following a public hearing, the Randolph County Board of Commissioners feel it to be in the best interests of Randolph County to adopt a plan pursuant to General Statutes 136-66.2.*

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Randolph County Board of Commissioners that the High Point Urban Area Thoroughfare Plan, as shown on a map dated September 1, 2006 (shown below), be approved and adopted as a guide in the development of the highway system in High Point, NC.*

### **PICTURE OF MAP GOES HERE**

#### **Approval of Easement Across County Property**

Larry McKenzie reminded the Board about his (and partner Bill Tyler's) request for an easement across County property from New Century Drive to property located behind the County jail. He said that they had met with the City of Asheboro on 8/31/06 and that the City is willing to annex New Century Drive, thus bringing water and sewer down this street. He said that they are willing to build the new road to the City of Asheboro's standards. Also, a vinyl fence would be built at the bottom of the current parking lot of the jail. The County would benefit from New Century Drive being annexed because the County's water/sewer rates would decrease drastically since the jail and the RCOB would become part of the City. The only concern is the increase in traffic at the intersection of McDowell Road and New Century Drive and along New Century Drive, once development is established. Mr. McKenzie referred to letters of support from the Asheboro/Randolph Chamber of Commerce and the Randolph County Economic Development Corporation encouraging the Commissioners to grant the easement.

*On motion of Haywood, seconded by Frye, the Board voted 4-1, with Kemp opposing, to grant an easement across County property to allow access to the Tyler/McKenzie property, contingent upon New Century Drive being annexed by the City of Asheboro and the construction of a fence by the developers that meets the specifications required by the County.*

#### **Approval of Randolph County Schools' Request for Budget Transfer for Emergency Use**

Todd Lowe, Randolph County Schools Finance Officer, requested permission, pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 115C-433, to transfer \$1.2 million from current expense fund balance to the capital outlay budget for FY 06-07, for facilities improvements such as air conditioning for high school gymnasiums, science labs and cultural arts and miscellaneous high school athletic projects. He said that the Board of Education, at their November 20, 2006 meeting, had adopted a resolution requesting that the Commissioners approve this transfer. Clerk to the Board Cheryl Ivey stated that Asheboro City Schools had been notified of this request, pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 115C-433, and had been given the opportunity to comment on the request.

*On motion of Haywood, seconded by Frye, the Board voted unanimously to approve a budget transfer request from the Randolph County Schools for \$1.2 million from current expense fund balance to the capital outlay budget by FY 06-07 for emergency use for facilities enhancement and improvements, as requested.*

#### **Approval of New Positions for Social Services**

Martha Sheriff, Social Services Director, requested new positions for the Department of Social Services, as follows: (1) Attorney I position, (1) Food Stamp Supervisor position, and (4) Income Maintenance Caseworker II positions for the Food Stamp office, effective 2/1/07. Florence McCloskey, DSS Staff Attorney, spoke in support of the request, as did Judge James Hill and Guardian Ad Litem Lynn Dodge.

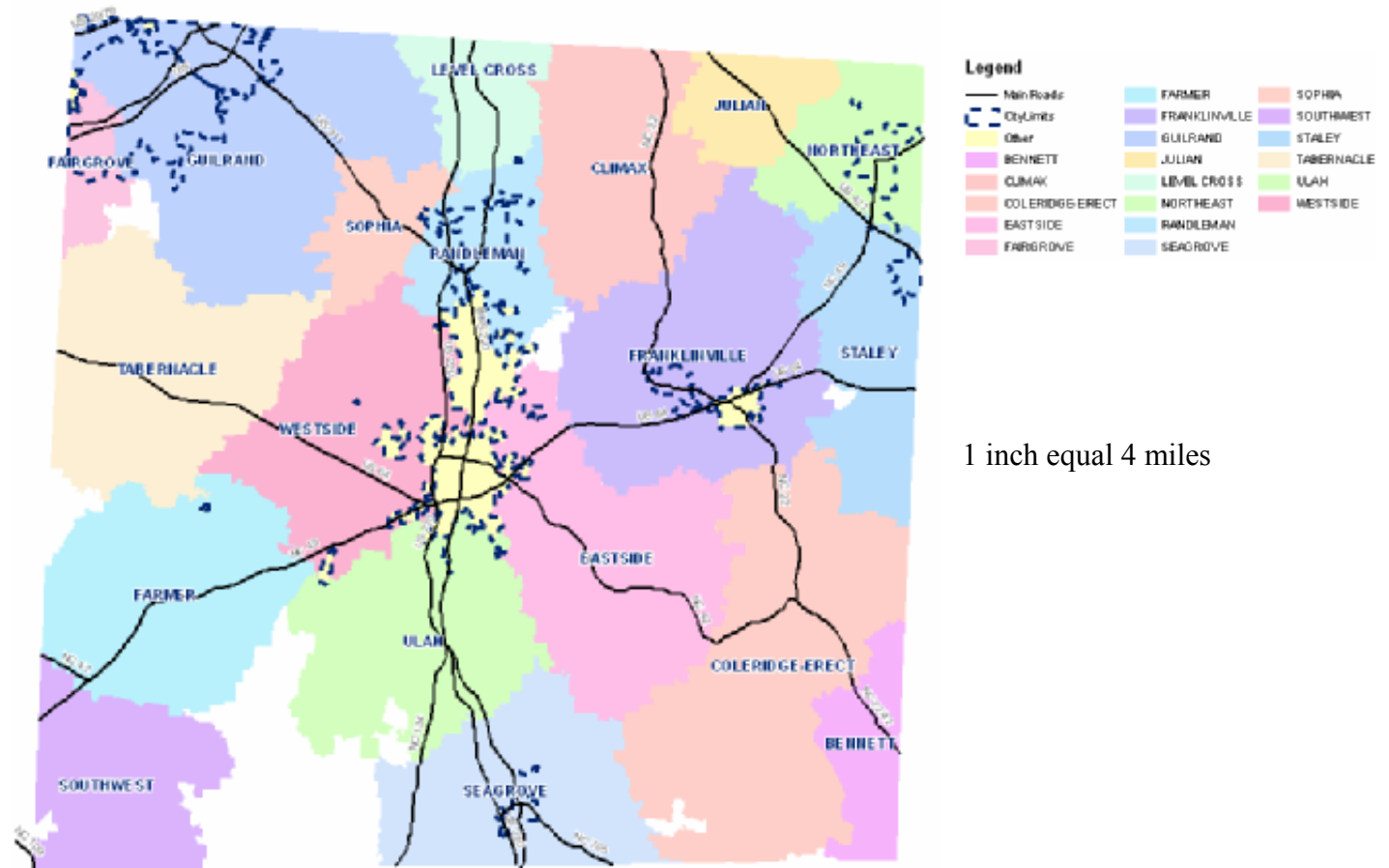
Assistant County Manager/Finance Officer Will Massie stated that funds from Medicaid cost savings resulting from the State's cap on the County's share of Medicaid cost for the FY 06-07 year could be used to fund these positions.

*On motion of Frye, seconded by Lanier, the Board voted unanimously to approve (1) Attorney I position, (1) Food Stamp Supervisor position, and (4) Income Maintenance Caseworker II positions for the Food Stamp office, effective 2/1/07.*

### **Approval of the New Six-Mile Fire Insurance Districts**

Rick Davis, County Fire Marshal, presented a new map from the Department of Insurance Office of the State Fire Marshal extending the fire insurance districts from five to six miles. He said that this would provide a savings for citizens for their property insurance rates. Mr. Davis asked the Board for their approval.

*On motion of Haywood, seconded by Kemp, the Board voted unanimously to approve the new 6-mile fire insurance district map, as follows:*



### **Recess**

At 6:35 p.m., the Board recessed.

### **Rezoning Pubic Hearing**

At 6:55 p.m., the Board adjourned to a duly advertised public hearing to consider a rezoning request. Hal Johnson, Planning and Zoning Director, presented the following request, and Chairman Holmes opened the public hearing for comments on the request and closed it before taking action on the request.

**WILLIAM & BETTY STAGE**, Asheboro, North Carolina, is requesting that 5.00 acres located on New Hope Church Road, Union Township, be rezoned from RA to CVOM-CD. Secondary Growth Area. Tax # 7655347057. The proposed Conditional Zoning District would specifically allow the development

of a 5-lot subdivision for single-wide mobile homes. The Planning Board reviewed this request at public meeting on November 7, 2006, and unanimously recommended that this request be approved with the following condition: a 50' no-cut buffer along the eastern property line, and 40' no-cut buffer along the southern property line.

**Jerry King**, surveyor, spoke on behalf of the applicants, saying that the applicants' daughter lives in the mobile home on the property. There will be individual wells and septic tanks on the lots. He asked if the Board would approve a 30' no-cut buffer on the southern property line instead of the recommended (by the Planning Board) 40' buffer.

*On motion of Lanier, seconded by Haywood, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request of William and Betty Stage, as consistent with the County's adopted comprehensive plans and as outlined in the recommendation provided by the County Planning Board, with the condition of the planting of a 50' no-cut buffer along the eastern property line and a 30' no-cut buffer along the southern property line.*

### **Regular Session Resumed**

At 7:00 p.m., the Board reconvened to regular session.

### **Adoption of Policy Concerning County Commissioners' Retirement Eligibility**

Interim County Manager Richard Wells presented an update to the County's current policy regarding County Commissioners' eligibility and coverage for health insurance to include a provision for retirement for the Board's consideration. If approved, the policy will be in effect for persons leaving office after December 1, 2006.

*On motion of Frye, seconded by Lanier, the Board voted unanimously to approve an amendment to the County employees' health insurance policy for County Commissioners' eligibility and coverage for retirement, as follows:*

#### ***Article 1. Eligibility—Current Commissioners***

*During his/her term of office, anyone serving as a county commissioner for the County of Randolph is eligible for the same health insurance coverage that is available to county employees. Furthermore, during his/her term of office, deductions shall be allowable, at the option of the commissioner, to provide health insurance coverage for dependents in the same manner and at the same rates as said coverage is available to employees' dependents.*

#### ***Article 2. Eligibility—Commissioners Leaving Office***

- A.** *In recognition of service rendered to Randolph County, a health insurance program has been established, under the criteria contained in this policy, for persons leaving office after December 1, 2006. This program is not retroactive.*
- B.** *Except as provided in subsection H below, those leaving office with at least ten (10) but less than twenty (20) years, of which the last ten (10) were continuous, of service as a Randolph County commissioner and who are fifty (50) years of age or older shall be eligible to continue to be covered by the Randolph County medical insurance plan until the individual becomes eligible for Medicare. The full cost of premiums shall be paid by the commissioner leaving office.*
- C.** *Except as provided in subsection H below, those leaving office with at least twenty (20) but less than twenty-five (25) years, of which the last ten (10) were continuous, of service as a Randolph County commissioner and who are fifty (50) years of age or older shall be eligible to continue to be covered by the Randolph County medical insurance plan until the individual becomes eligible for Medicare. The County shall pay fifty percent (50%) of the premium; the other fifty percent (50%) shall be paid by the commissioner leaving office.*
- D.** *Except as provided in subsection H below, those leaving office with at least twenty-five (25) years, of which the last ten (10) were continuous, but less than thirty (30) years of service as a Randolph County commissioner and who are fifty (50) years of age or older shall be eligible to continue to be covered by*

*the Randolph County medical insurance plan until the individual becomes eligible for Medicare. The County shall pay seventy-five percent (75%) of the monthly premium; the other twenty-five percent (25%) shall be paid by the commissioner leaving office.*

- E. Except as provided in subsection H below, those leaving office with at least thirty (30) years, of which the last ten (10) were continuous, of service as a Randolph County commissioner and who are fifty (50) years of age or older shall be eligible to continue to be covered by the Randolph County medical insurance plan until the individual becomes eligible for Medicare. The County shall pay one hundred percent (100%) of the monthly premium.*
- F. Upon a commissioner's leaving office in good standing, a commissioner's spouse who was enrolled in the Randolph County medical insurance plan at least six (6) months prior to the commissioner's leaving office, may continue in the plan at his/her expense until he/she becomes eligible for Medicare. Spouses of deceased former commissioners lose their privilege to remain insured under this policy upon remarriage. Dependents may be covered by the commissioner's plan under the above conditions for so long as the insurance program recognizes their dependent status, subject to all applicable federal and state laws.*
- G. Any insured person who is over sixty (60) days delinquent in payment of his/her portion of insurance premiums shall have his/her insurance terminated without notice and shall not be eligible for reinstatement.*
- H. Notwithstanding any of the foregoing, only those commissioners who leave office in good standing shall be eligible for continuing medical insurance coverage. No commissioner who leaves office for reasons of malfeasance shall be eligible for medical insurance coverage under this policy.*

#### **Approval of Pawnbroker License Renewal**

*On motion of Frye, seconded by Lanier, the Board voted unanimously to approve the pawnbroker's license renewal for Frank Chamberlin for another year.*

#### **Appointment of Voting Delegates for Legislative Goals Conference**

*On motion of Frye, seconded by Kemp, the Board unanimously elected Harold Holmes as voting delegate and Phil Kemp as alternate delegate for the NCACC Legislative Goals Conference in January.*

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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J. Harold Holmes, Chairman

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Darrell L. Frye

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Phil Kemp

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Stan Haywood

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Arnold Lanier

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Cheryl A. Ivey, Clerk to the Board